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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTINGS OF CLAIMS

(Currently amended) A system for controlling the use of a software application on a
plurality of computers, the system comprising:

a plurality of computers, each computer of the plurality of computers capable of running a given software application,

a server having a server store,

communication channels respectively permitting communication between each computer of the plurality of computers and the server, and

a transaction arrangement operable respectively between each computer of the plurality

of computers and the server via the communication channels for enabling a

predetermined use of the given software application by each computer of the

plurality of computers,

wherein the server controls the predetermined use of the given software application by one computer of the plurality of computers according to conditions stored in the server store, wherein the given software application and the one computer are identifiable by the server using a license, and wherein the license is voluntarily returnable by the one computer to the server for use by another computer of the plurality of computers.